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DATE: 26 September 120

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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

1. General Cabell has sent us the attached instructions for reporting upon unconventional aircraft, and has asked that CIA extend all possible cooperation to USAF in gathering such data as circumstances may make

USAF review(s) completed.

5 copies of AF memo, dtd 8 Sept. 50, Reporting of Info on Unconventional Aircraft

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HEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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8 September 1950

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

TO:

Commanding Generals, Major Air Commands, ZI and Overseas

All United States Air Attaches

- 1. The United States Air Force has a continuing requirement for the reporting and technical analysis of observations of unconventional aircraft which might indicate an advance in technological progress of a foreign power. An unconventional aircraft, within the meaning of this directive, is defined as any aircraft or aircborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, prunusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft type.
- 2. It is desired that information on unconventional sircraft be reported in the following manner:
- a. A separate report of each incident will be forwarder. No information other than that bearing on the unconventional aircraft will be included in this report.
- b. Priority of transmission accorded the report will on that appropriate in the judgment of the forwarding agency, according to its apparent authenticity and importance as intelligence.
- c. Reports will be forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS.
- d. Reports forwarded by electrical transmission Fill include, as far as possible:
 - (1) A brief description of the object(s); its shaps, size, color, number, formation if more than one, acredynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulation system, speed, sound, maneuvers, manner of disappearance, and other pertinent or unusual features.
 - (2) Time sighted in 24-hour clock zonal time, and length of time observed.

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- (3) Manner of observation; visual or electronic, from air (give speed, altitude, and type of aircraft), or surface. Any type of optical or electronic equipment used should be described.
- (4) Location of observer during sighting, giving exact latitude and longitude as closely as feasible, and/or reference to a known landmark. Location of object(s) with mespect to observer, giving distance, direction, and altitude.
- (5) Identifying information on observer(s) and witnesses, estimate of reliability and experience, and any factors bearing on estimated reliability of the sighting.
- (6) Weather and wind conditions (teletype sequences) at times and place of sightings.
- (7) Any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.
- (8) Existence of any physical evidence; fragments, physical graphs and the like, of the sighting.
- (9) Interception or identification action taken. (Such action should be taken whenever Reasible, complying with existing air defense directives.)
- e. Reports forwarded by electrical transmission will be followed up within ten (10) days by a written report on AF Form 112. This report will contain the same information specified in subparagraph 2d above in greater detail, and where feasible will include sketches and signed attacted narrative statements of observers.
- f. Written reports of sightings, where no previous electrically transmitted report has been submitted, will follow the same form as the written follow-up report described in subparagraph 2e above.
- g. Any physical evidence of the sighting will be forwarded by most expeditious means to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attached, under cover of a letter identifying the shipment with the report of sighting. Mention of the method and time of shipping of this evidence will be included in written report of the sighting.
- 3. It is desired that no publicity be given this reporting or analysis activity.

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8 September 1950

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding Generals, Major Air Commands, ZI and Overseas
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- 1. The United States Air Force has a continuing requirement for the reporting and technical analysis of observations of unconventional aircraft which might indicate an advance in technological progress of a foreign power. An unconventional aircraft, within the meaning of this directive, is defined as any aircraft or airborne object which by performance, aerodynamic characteristics, or unusual features, does not conform to any presently known aircraft type.
- 2. It is desired that information on unconventional aircraft be reported in the following manner:
- a. A separate report of each incident will be forwarded. No information other than that bearing on the unconventional aircraft will be included in this report.
- b. Priority of transmission accorded the report will be that appropriate in the judgment of the forwarding agency, according to its apparent authenticity and importance as intelligence.
- c. Reports will be forwarded to Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS.
- d. Reports forwarded by electrical transmission will include, as far as possible:
 - (1) A brief description of the object(s); its shape, size, color, number, formation if more than one, aerodynamic features, trail or exhaust, propulsion system, speed, sound, maneuvers, manner of disappearance, and other pertinent or unusual features.
 - (2) Time sighted in 24-hour clock zonal time, and length of time observed.

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- (3) Manner of observation; visual or electronic, from \$17' (give speed, altitude, and type of aircraft), at should he described.
- (4) Location of observer during sighting, giving exact halo tude and longitude as closely as feasible, and/or resource to a known landmark. Location of object(s) with respect to observer, giving distance, direction, and altitude.
- (5) Identifying information on observer(s) and witnessess, estimate of reliability and experience, and any faction bearing on estimated reliability of the sighting.
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- (7) Any activity or condition, meteorological or etherwise which might account for the sighting.
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- most expeditious means to Commanding General, Air Material Command, Air MCIS, under cover of a letter identifying the shipment with the reports of sighting. Mention of the method and time of shipping of this evidence will be included in written report of the sighting.
- 3. It is desired that no publicity be given this reporting on analysis activity.

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SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

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- a. A separate report of each incident will be forwarded. No information other than that bearing on the unconventional air craft will be included in this report.
- b. Priority of transmission accorded the report will be that appropriate in the judgment of the forwarding agency, according to its apparent authenticity and importance as intelligence.
- c. Reports will be forwarded to Commanding General, Aig Materiel Command, Attention: MCIS.
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